--- “Series of 1883” - 25 Cigars - GREEN - with ‘rounded ends’ - 295 x 22 mm. ---

The catalogue should list the green twenty-five cigar “Series of 1883” strips as follows:

RG-275† - 25 cigars, green, Pointed Ends, perf 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
RG-280(L) - 25 cigars, green, Blunt Ends, coarse roulette, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
RG-281 - 25 cigars, green, Blunt Ends, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove

---

4th BABN Contract (1886 -1892) John McKay records 12,950 lithographed copies of “25 Green Cigars” were delivered. These are the 295 mm. ‘blunt end’ **RG-280(L)**.

5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) John McKay records 33,680 lithographed and 18,970 recess printed copies of “25 Green Cigars” were delivered. These are **RG-280(L)-281**.

John McKay ***does not*** list the printing of a “pointed ends” green twenty-five cigar strip in the “Series of 1883”. The ***black*** “pointed ends” strip (**RG-223**) is listed as lithographed earlier under the **3rd BABN Contract**.

Lee Brandom ***did not*** list a *control numbered* “pointed ends” green 25 cigar strip, and gives a mention to a green plate proof. The catalogue lists the 295 mm. ‘rounded end’ green strip, with 4 mm. controls - see the proper file.

4th BABN Contract	12,950 lithographed	**000001** to **012950** - **RG-280(L)**
5th BABN Contract	18,970 recess printed (by hand press)	**012951** to **031920** - **RG-281**
5th BABN Contract	33,680 lithographed	**031921** to **065600** - **RG-280(L)**
	65,600	

The collection ***does not*** contain a copy of the green **RG-280(L)** - the ‘rounded end’ twenty-five cigar stamp *lithographed* under the **4th BABN Contract** (with a control below **012950**).

The collection ***does not*** contain a copy of the green **G-228** - the ‘rounded end’ twenty-five cigar stamp *lithographed* under the **5th BABN Contract** (with a control greater than **031921**).

It seems apparent from the control numbers listed above for the *recess printed* **RG-281** that it was control numbered under the **5th BABN Contract** prior to the remaining *lithographed* strips.

--- “Series of 1883” - 25 Cigars - GREEN - 295 x 22 mm. - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. Montreal blue controls ---

--- RG-281 - *coarse roulette* - with “rounded ends” - scanned at 50% scale ---

---

★**RG-281 CP** - 25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. control **012967**, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

★**RG-281** - 25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove, 4 mm. control **026227**

012964	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
012967★	RG-281 CP	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters
012997	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026132	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026138	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026178	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026198★	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026227★	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026271	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026348	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026350	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026379★	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026435	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026466-67	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026539★	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026563	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove
026591	RG-281	25 cigars, green, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove

---

File path is [c:\ CR - STAMPS \ RG_STAMPS \ 1883 \ Green \ 25 cigars - blunt ends],
In MS Word 2007 for Windows 7,
Formatted for a HP CP 1525 Laser Jet,
October 12th 2013 - JBH